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RULING

REF: (A) MEXICO 4759; (B) MEXICO 4760

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1. AS FOLLOW-UP TO STATEMENTS REPORTED IN REFTELS, WE HAVE
FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO REPORT:

(A) ON MAY 31, DR. GUIDO BELSASSO, DIRECTOR OF THE MEXICAN
CENTER FOR DRUG DEPENDENCY RESEARCH (CEMEF), MADE A STATE-
MENT TO THE PRESS IN WHICH HE MUCH REGRETTED THE COURT DECISION,
POINTED OUT VARIOUS MEDICAL DANGERS OF MARIJUANA USE, AND SAID
THE DECISION CONTRADICTED THE OFFICIAL USG POSITION ON
MARIJUANA.

(B) ON JUNE 2, UNIVERSAL CARRIED A COLUMN BY MIGUEL BUENO
WHICH ALSO REGRETTED COURT'S DECISION, BUT IN EVEN STRONGER
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TERMS. BUENO SAW LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA USE EVENTUALLY

EXTENDING THROUGHOUT THE US., CAUSING PROFITS TO MEXICAN PRODUCERS. HE ENDED: "WE HAVE NOT LEGALIZED MARIJUANA AND ARE SCANDALIZED BECAUSE THEY HAVE LEGALIZED IT (IN THE US). BUT WE PRODUCE IT AND EXPORT IT AND THIS DOESN'T SCANDALIZE US"

(C) ON JUNE 4 THE PRESIDENT OF THE MEXICAN SUPREME COURT TOLD REPORTERS THAT MEXICO CAN NEVER LEGALIZE THE USE OF MARIJUANA.

2. EMBASSY IS POUCHING COPIES OF PRESS ARTICLES TO ARA/MEX. JOVA

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